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BETWEEN MOBILE TERMINALS AND ENTITIES IN A RADIO ACCESS
NETWORK

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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims 1 and 42-49 for corresponding claims 1 and 42-49 previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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1. (*Amended*) In a radio communications system including a core network coupled to a radio access network (RAN) and a plurality of mobile terminals, a method comprising:

establishing a connection between the core network and one of a plurality of mobile terminals through the radio access network;

a RAN node associating a temporary RAN identifier with the mobile terminal for the connection; and

using the temporary RAN identifier in the RAN to assist in the transfer of information through the radio access network relating to the connection.

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